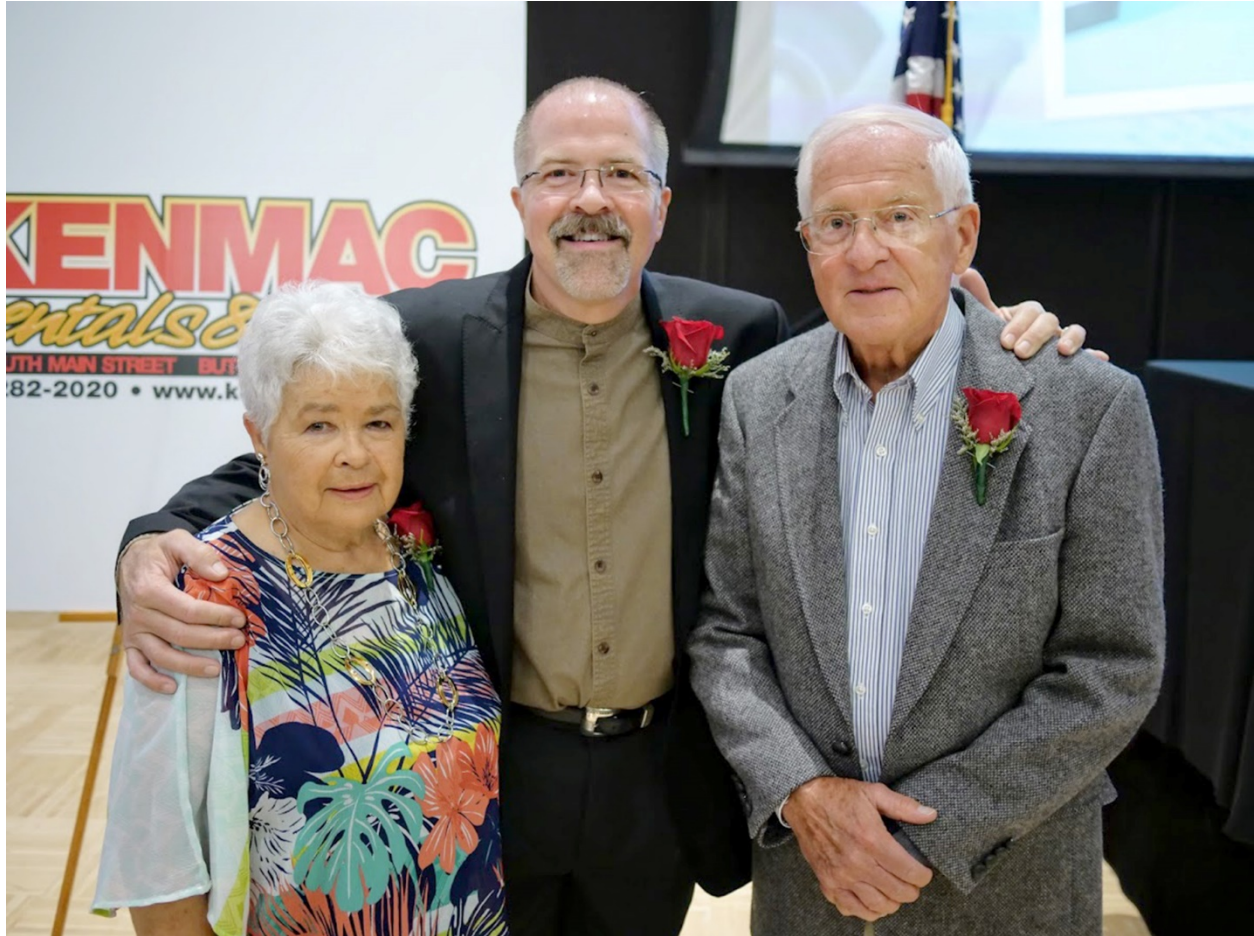


Business champion a BC3 trustee for second year in row

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Brian McCafferty, center, owner of Kenmac Rentals & Sales, Butler, and a Butler County Community College trustee, is shown Sept. 12, 2018, with his parents, Rae and Ken, at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania, where Brian received the Butler County Chamber of Commerce's business champion award.

(Slippery Rock, PA) Brian McCafferty, owner of Kenmac Rentals & Sales, became the second Butler County Community College trustee in two years to receive the Butler County Chamber of Commerce's business champion award, following 2017 winner Glenn Miller, owner of Thompson-Miller Funeral Home.

Miller, a BC3 trustee since April 1998, presented McCafferty with the award before 280 guests at the Robert M. Smith Student Center at Slippery Rock University of Pennsylvania.

Business champion awards acknowledge, among other qualities, one's investment in Butler County and one's people philosophy, according to Stan Kosciuszko, Butler County Chamber of Commerce president.

"They are so involved and so quiet about what they do," Kosciuszko said of McCafferty and Miller. "They never toot their own horns."

Added McCafferty: "I don't like being in the limelight. I like being under the radar and doing my own thing."

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His own thing would include serving as a BC3 trustee since July 2015; as treasurer of the City of Butler Redevelopment Authority; as a member of the city's Zoning Hearing Board; and formerly as a volunteer youth leader, as chairman of the Butler County Chamber of Commerce's board and of Butler Downtown – all while owning and operating the South Main Street business founded in 1958 by his father, Ken.

"Anyone in business appreciates the community that supports them," said McCafferty, 58, a 1978 graduate of Butler Area Senior High who, with his wife of 37 years, Ruth, has two daughters, Amanda and Ashlee, and four grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 1.

"There is a desire to want to give back to your community. It's almost like a win-win situation. A business is supported by your community. Some people want to give back more than just financially. They want to give of their time, which is something that none of us really have enough of."

McCafferty gave of his time with the First United Methodist Church's youth ministry, where students met weekly and "we tried to make Scripture more applicable to kids' lives today," he said. "There are so many times when kids aren't looking to go out and have fun all the time. They are actually searching for answers, and we tried to fill that need."

"Smart, savvy business people"

Becoming a grandfather inspired McCafferty to continue to want to give back to the "next generation."

"It's a tough world that we live in nowadays," he said. "I think it was tough whenever I was growing up. I think it is tougher now when they are growing up."

McCafferty grew up as a friend of Miller, whom he met while attending St. Andrews United Presbyterian Church in Butler.

“It was one of those things where we hit it off right away,” McCafferty said. “I don’t think you see that happen too often when friends stay together over that long of a period of time, but we have definitely done that. He is very community oriented, a very giving person.”

As are his parents, Ken and Rae, whom McCafferty recognized during the awards presentation.

“I had them stand,” he said. “I felt honored to get this award, but at the same time there are just so many people involved other than just me. And I tried to give my mom and dad the credit. I tried to give my family the credit. I had everyone who ever served on a board with me in the room stand. I tried to give them the credit because I have always said the relationships that you form in your group are the glue that keeps that group together.”

Butler County commissioners appoint BC3 trustees to six-year terms. The board is a policymaking body that provides direction and guidance to BC3’s president and administration. The primary functions of the board include establishing basic policy, appointing the president and financial control of the institution.

“Brian and Glenn are smart, savvy business people who give not only of their time,” said Dr. Nick Neupauer, president of BC3, “but of their wisdom and resources.”

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Serving as a trustee allows him to apply his wisdom in the business world to that of the college world, McCafferty said.

“I think what the trustees do is look out for the taxpayers,” he said. “The college is run like a business, I would have to say. I hope that my skill sets and business knowledge complement the great board that BC3 has.

“It is all of us working together. When you start seeing people working together with the same common goal, you really do start seeing success. I have witnessed that over the years. I have also witnessed the opposite when people have their own personal agendas and they don’t try to work together. That is when things stagnate. Things just don’t get done and organizations aren’t successful.”

BC3, McCafferty said, is successful.

“I can’t tell you how honored I am to be a part of BC3,” he said. “It is amazing for me to see how this college is thriving.”

Winners of business champion awards are chosen by the chamber’s board of directors, past chairs and past presidents, Kosciuszko said.